REMARKS

The office action of July 8, 2005 has been reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 15-45 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 15-37 have been amended and new claims 38-45 have been added. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Claim objections

Claims 15-19 stand objected to as being in improper form because they depend from cancelled claims. Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form and claims 15-19 have been amended to include subject matter of the cancelled claims from which they previously depended. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these objections.

35 U.S.C. §102 rejections

Claims 20-35 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. patent no. 6,198,939 to Holmstrom *et al.* (Holmstrom).

Independent claims 20, 24, 32 and 37, as amended, each recite the subject matter of automatically performing a search based on user entered search criteria without receiving user input to activate the search. As discussed in paragraph 31 of the present application, the example communication terminal embodiment discussed therein may be set to automatically activate a search after the user has entered search criterion, such as after a certain time has elapsed.

In contrast, Holmstrom discloses an interface search tool in which the user must instruct the processor to proceed with the search. In particular, the user enters a search command by inputting the command and "then is prompted to proceed with the search." Col. 6, lines13-14. "Once the user has input the initials through the keypad they are displayed and the user can proceed by pressing the <YES> or <SEND> button, whereby various results can be obtained." Col. 5, lines 36-38. The "Menu Search Function" described in Holmstrom from col. 4, line 65 to col. 6, line 58 clearly teaches that searches are manually activated via a command from the user.

For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 20, 24, 32 and 37, and claims 21-23, 25-31 and 33-36 depending therefrom, are allowable over Holmstrom.

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35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections

Claim 36 stands rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over Holmstrom in view of

Great Britain patent ref. no. GB2345227 to Pisutha-Arnond et al. (Pisutha-Arnond). Claim 36

depends from independent claim 32. As noted above, independent claim 32 is allowable over

Holmstrom. Pisutha-Arnond does not overcome the deficiencies of Holmstrom with respect to

independent claim 32, nor was it relied upon for such teachings. Accordingly, Applicants

respectfully submit that claim 36 is allowable over the cited prior art along with its base claim

and further in view of the novel features recited therein.

Claims 15-19

Similar to independent claims 20, 24, 32 and 37, independent claim 15 recites the subject

matter of automatically performing a search based on user entered search criteria without

receiving user input to activate the search. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully

submit that independent claim 15 and claims 16-19 depending therefrom are allowable over the

cited prior art.

New claims 38-45

New claims 38-45 have been added, which each depend from a respective one of

independent claims 15, 20, 24, 32 and 37 discussed above. Applicants respectfully submit that

claims 38-45 are allowable over the cited prior art along with their respective base claims as

discussed above and further in view of the novel features recited therein.

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Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed number.

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